

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 7, 2012

Mr. Willie C. Taylor, Regional Director
Philadelphia Regional Office
Economic Development Administration
601 Walnut Street, Suite 140 South
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3323

Dear Mr. Taylor,

We are pleased to write in support of the proposal submitted by the Town of Cambria and the County of Niagara, New York to the Economic Development Administration for funding from the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Funding will be used for the development of initial infrastructure for the Cambria Technology Park. The 152-acre technology park site is currently a New York State-designated shovel ready site.

The Cambria Technology Park is very important to the strength of the region's economy. The Niagara County economy is in transition, diversifying its existing sector base of heavy automotive manufacturing and chemical processing with the addition of new economic drivers, one of which is the high-tech sector. The presence of Yahoo's Data Center in Lockport, a short distance from the Cambria Technology Park, is one example of the emerging economy in Niagara County. Despite this growth, Niagara County has lost population and jobs and has suffered from high unemployment and poverty levels as well as below-average household income levels. The Cambria Technology Park would be a central catalyst that helps accelerate growth of the County's high-tech industry, improving the region's economic growth.

The requested funding would be used for infrastructure upgrades necessary for the development of the Park. Initial infrastructure investments will include an entrance road, storm water and sewage lines and a pumping station. An Economic Impact Study has been completed using the IMPLAN modeling system, indicating this project will create 200 new jobs with an aggregate annual income of \$11.4 million. In addition, the direct value added income of the project is \$25.5 million, and the direct output effect of the project is \$42.8 million.

Once again, we are pleased to support the application submitted by the Town of Cambria and the County of Niagara. We hope you will give their application full and fair consideration and respectfully await your decision.

Sincerely,



Kathleen C. Hochul
Member of Congress



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator